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Why Not a "Frijole Day?"

We hear a great deal recently about "Potato Day." With the high price of Spuds a year ago, the planting of large acreages of potatoes was urged wherever practicable, with the result that more "murphys" were grown than the demand called for. Now in order to create a demand, everybody is urged to "Eat Murphys." Why not a "Frijole Day" and urge everybody to eat Frijoles? One thing about it, the lowly Pinto, when cooked right, is not only nourishing but healthful as well.

To start it off, here's a good recipe for the cooking: Hand-pick a quart of beans; wash them, but do not allow them to remain long in the water; place in a tightly-covered pail (a 10-pound lard pail with good lid is fine for the purpose) placing sufficient cold water on the beans to cover to a depth of four inches above the beans; set the pail on the stove and boil for four hours; do not open the pail during the boiling process; add a teaspoonful of salt, a heaping tablespoonful of lard (bacon drippings is preferable) and a tiny bit of crushed garlic; if water has boiled down, add a little more; cover pail and continue boiling for a half an hour.

Thrift Stamps and War Savings Stamps will give everyone an opportunity to help win the war for democracy. In the Liberty Loan Bonds, some had the excuse that they could not invest as much as fifty dollars, but with the stamps this excuse is done away with, and all can do their bit. Savings may be invested in as small sums as 25c and Uncle Sam will pay interest on the amount. Give the children a chance to invest their nickles and dimes instead of spending all for candy. Uncle Sam will be better off and so will the children. We do not mean that candy is not good for children, but too much candy is, and some children eat too much. Your postmaster will gladly give you detailed information about the Savings Stamps and how to secure them.

El Paso, both city and county, voted on Prohibition yesterday, after a short but strenuous campaign. The usual attempts at arguments on the part of the "wets" were brought forth that the business of the city would be demoralized, that the saloonmen would be deprived of earning an honest (?) living, and that the city would go to the dogs, cross-lots, if the election carried. Whole pages of space in the dailies were used by both sides to carry their messages into the homes.

The snows are putting the ground in splendid shape for good crops the coming season, but the question now confronting the farmer is what to plant. With last year's beans still on hand, it is a question whether or not to risk another planting of beans. If the farmers could dispose of the beans on hand at a price that they could break even, the greatest acreage ever known would be planted to beans the coming season.

Estancia has, through its board of trustees, adopted an ordinance requiring the closing of saloons at 8 p. m., and keeping them closed until 6 a. m. The penalty for conviction is \$25 to \$50 fine for first offense, and \$50 to \$100 fine for second.

"Why is the compulsory school law not enforced? It's a dead letter upon the statute books so far as this county is concerned." This was the question asked by Roy K. Moulton in the Topeka State Journal. Correspondence, Estancia News-Herald. Sec. 35, Chap. 105, Session Laws of 1917: "That Section 4962, Code of 1915, be and it hereby is amended so as to read as follows: County Superintendents are vested with general supervisory powers in this matter and shall require all directors to comply with the provisions of Section 4961. Principals or teachers in charge of rural schools in this state shall weekly make a report in writing to the County School Superintendent containing the names of all persons having the control of children of school age who have failed, neglected, or refused to send such children to school as required by Section 4961. The presiding judge of the district courts at each session shall give to the grand jury as a special charge, the substance of the law of compulsory school attendance."

We wonder if the teachers have complied with this statute, in reporting to the county superintendent? If the law is a "dead letter" in Chapman district, who is to blame? The superintendent has had printed a lot of postcard forms for the convenience of the teachers in making such reports, which cards are now in the hands of the teachers. Will they help in enforcing the law?

Palestine, a Small, Poor Country

Palestine, in which we are freshly interested, is a tiny country. Taking it as the region between the Mediterranean on the west and the Jordan and the Red Sea on the east, from the spurs of Lebanon and Hermon on the north to the desert at Beersheba on the south—the boundaries as contemplated by Lord Bryce—it is only 110 miles long and from fifty to sixty miles broad; that is to say, it is smaller than New Jersey. Of this region large parts did not belong to ancient Israel. Their hold on the northern and southern districts was but slight, while in the southwest a wide and rich plain along the Mediterranean was occupied by the warlike Philistines, who were sometimes more than a match for the Jewish armies. Israel had, in fact, little more than the hill country which lay between the Jordan on the east and the maritime plain on the west. King David, in the days of his power, looked down from the hill cities of Benjamin, just north of Jerusalem, on Philistine enemies only twenty-five miles off, on the one side, and looked across the Jordan to Moabite enemies about as far off on the other side. Nearly all the events in the history of Israel that are recorded in the Old Testament, happened within a territory no larger than the state of Connecticut, whose area is 4,800 square miles; and into hardly any other country has there been crowded from the days of Abraham till our own so much history.

Palestine is a country poor in natural resources. There are practically no minerals, no coal, no iron, no copper, no silver, although recently some oil wells have been discovered in the Jordan valley. Neither are there any large forests, and although the land may have been better wooded in the days of Joshua than it is now, there is little reason to think that the woods were of trees sufficiently large to constitute a source of wealth. A comparatively small area is fit for tillage. To tribes that had wandered through a barren wilderness for forty weary years, Canaan may well have seemed a delightful possession; but many a county in Iowa, many a department in France, could raise more grain or wine than all the Holy Land.

There is one stretch of fertile, level land twenty miles long and from three to six miles wide—the Plain of Esdraelon. But with this exception, it is only in the bottoms and on the lower slopes of a few valleys, chiefly in the territory of Ephraim from Bethel northward, and along the shore of the Bay of Acre, that one sees cornfields and olive yards and orchards. Little wine is now produced. Such wealth as the country has consists in its pastures, and the expression "a land flowing with milk and honey" appropriately describes the best it has to offer, for sheep and goats can thrive on the thin herbage that covers the hills and the numerous aromatic plants furnish plenty of excellent food for the bees; but it is nearly all thin pasture, for the land is dry and the soil is shallow.—El Paso Times.

On Spur of the Moment

(By Roy K. Moulton in the Topeka State Journal.)

THE SORROWS OF SYLVEST.

Herb da Hoov, he maka de, beeg spitch, two, tree mont' behin' las'.

An' he says: "Fren's countrymen an' other Italians," he say, "de meat, she ees becomin' seldom, and if we ees fedd da alleys, we gotta watch pretty queek hom mooeh da meat we ees got lef." So we make Tues da meatless day, yes. On Tues everybody ees to eat da feesh wich ees verry chip eating, yes, mooch chipper as meat an' da feesh she maka da brains, of wich desa country can use quite a several. Ever' Tues buy da feesh. Da steers ees scarce on da western plain an' what ees, ees but steers, yes."

So Mariouche, she read da spitch by da pape an' she say: "Herb da Hoov, he ees da beega man, fine man, an' what he say by me goes also jus' same like that. Tony, when you go by da butch on da Tues, you buy a da feesh, no biff, see?"

So I go by da butch an' I say: "Meester Butch, does ees a da meatless day, yes. By da pape we see da beega spitch from Herb da Hoov."

"You should not read all you belief," he say.

"Da feesh, she ees chip today, yes?" I say, "I see eet so in da pape."

"I not read da pape," he say. "I not can read. Herb da Hoov, who he ees, what?"

"He maka da meatless day," I say. "Fine-biz," says da butch. "But on da meatless day da feesh ees more expensive as da meat."

"Who say so, what?" I ask eet.

"I say so," he say "an' what I say sh goes, you can bet eet."

So we have da spaghetti for da supper.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
January 28, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that T. N. Graham, heir of Maud Graham, deceased of Lancaster, Texas, who, on October 7, 1914, made Homestead Entry, No. 021946, for nw 1/4, Section 23, ne 1/4 Section 22, Township 4 n, Range 6 e, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before P. A. Speckmann, U. S. Commissioner, at Mountainair, N. M., on the 21st day of March 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses:
B. L. Mitchell, Mrs. B. L. Mitchell,
J. W. Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Campbell,
all of Mountainair, N. M.

Francisco Delgado,
Register.

Notice of Sale Under Chattel Mortgage

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain chattel mortgage given by G. H. Morgan, the mortgagor to Mountainair State Bank, the mortgagee, and the conditions specified and named in said chattel mortgage to be done and observed by said mortgagor, having been broken, and which said chattel mortgage is dated the 26th day of March, 1917, and filed in the office of the County Clerk of Torrance County, New Mexico, on the 4th day of April, 1917;

And the said mortgagee, Mountainair State Bank, having taken possession of the mortgaged property described in said chattel mortgage and hereinafter described;

Notice is hereby given that the said mortgagee, Mountainair State Bank, will, at the farm of W. C. Harrison, on Section 4, Township 1 North of Range 8 East, County of Torrance, State of New Mexico, on the first day of March, 1918, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder, for cash the following described goods, chattels and personal property, to-wit:

Four mares, Two cows, Two coming 3-year old heifers and all increase of above stock.

The amount of the debt and costs to be satisfied up to the date of the sale is Three Hundred Forty Dollars, and other costs that may accrue.

MOUNTAINAIR STATE BANK,
By C. E. Bigelow, Its Cashier and duly authorized Agent.
Dated the 31st day of January, 1918.

1-31-2-1

3 LINES TIMES DIMES

A few lines in this column will reach more people than you can see in a month. If you have anything to sell, trade or give away, tell your neighbors about it through this column. If you want to buy, you may find that one of your neighbors wants to sell that very thing. The cost is small compared to results.

FOR SALE—Good fresh milk cow. See F. S. Carson, three and a half miles southeast of Mountainair. 1-30-8tp

FOR SALE—One Cornish Organ, in good condition. R. E. Cleveland. Scholle, N. M. 1-31-3t

\$75.00 Reward

The above reward is hereby offered to anyone killing the mountain lions which have been bothering my cattle, having killed one cow recently.

J. J. WHITE.
Mountainair, January 31, 1918.

WANTED—Well educated Lady or Gentleman to assist a foreign-born author to correct Photoplay Manuscript. Address "ABC" care of Independent, Mountainair, N. M. 1-23-3t

FOR SALE:—Thoroughbred Poland China Pigs. See Sam. Isenhardt, 5 miles southeast of Mountainair. 1-24-3tp

Free Fuel

Have been pulling timber on my place, about 3 1/2 miles southeast of Mountainair. Anyone needing fuel can get all they want, for merely the cutting and piling of the brush.

J. A. Perkins.

Good Year Tires At Beals Garage

MILK COWS FOR SALE:—30 head milk cows and calves for sale 10 1/2 miles north of Mountainair and 1 1/2 miles east. A. J. James. 1-17-1f

FOR RENT:—My two farms five miles north and one west of Mountainair. Address S. G. Maus, Ganado, Arizona. 1-10-1

All Strictly First Class dry lumber \$25. All 2nd Class lumber \$15 and 20.

City Lumber Company

Good Year Tires At Beals Garage

EGGS—10 cents a dozen. 10c Pkg. Eggine equals one dozen eggs for Baking and Cooking. Guaranteed! Try It! Dyer's Store.

FOR SALE:—Cream Separator De Laval, Plow, Tools, House Furniture, R. E. Cleveland, Scholle, N. M.

Abstracts of Title.

Any abstract of the title to real estate, located in the State of New Mexico, certified to as correct by the secretary, and under the seal of any title abstract company, incorporated and doing business under the laws of this State, shall be received in all the courts of this State as evidence of the things recited therein, in the same manner, and to a like extent, that the public records are now admitted, and such abstracts may be explained or contradicted in the same manner and to the same extent as such records may now be.

—Sec. 2188, New Mexico Statutes, Codification, 1915.

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Baptist Church Services

Sunday School at 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. Preaching the 1st and 3d Sundays at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Ladies Missionary Aid Society meets twice a month (Wednesday) 2:30 p. m. Sunbeam Band 1st and 3d Sundays at 3 p. m.

Church Conference Saturday 7:30 p. m. before the 1st Sunday in each month.

W. E. Phyllis, Pastor.

I have special bargains in

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Deeded Relinquishments Filings Leases

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Dry Cows Milk Cows, Horses Mares Mules Pigs

If fact I have real Bargains in everything a Farmer or Ranchman needs. Good Town Lots in the best part of Mountainair. See me before you buy.

S. L. KEITHLEY

Office in Front of the Mountainair Lumber Company Store

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The strength of this bank is the direct result of its efficient management, ample resources and capital. The confidence of the people is the result of the strength and unquestioned safety which the bank assures its depositors and patrons. Ever since its establishment the bank has gradually grown in strength and also in the esteem of the people. We invite the accounts of all who appreciate safety for their money and careful, efficient service.

A Strong Bank with no side lines. Straight Banking. Experienced management and large financial resources at our command.

The Torrance County Savings Bank

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Our Implements have arrived and we can supply your needs in the line f

Gang Plows, Turning Plows,
Discs, Harrows, Listers, Etc.

Tell us your needs and we will help you.
That's our business.

Clem Shaffer

MOUNTAINAIR, NEW MEXICO

Cottages in Demand

Inquiries are now being made for rental cottages for next winter by families who wish to come to Mountainair to take advantage of our splendid school facilities. Must we turn them away because of the lack of such cottages? Cottages of three or four rooms, which together with the lot, will cost not to exceed \$600, will rent well and pay a good return on the investment. Why not investigate this now?

Abo Land Company

LLOYD ORME, Manager

P. A. Speckmann U. S. Commissioner

Land Filing Papers Acknowledged and Proofs Taken at
Legal Rates

Petitions, Applications and other Instruments Drawn at
Reasonable Rates

At the Independent Office, Mountainair